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c. At the anchorage, a grey, 50' surveillance boat with a "heavy machine gun" mounted on a tripod on the bow and a crew of two to four men patrolled the area.

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a. [redacted]

[redacted] the quay is a stone masonry structure with a two-thousand-foot face and a width of about 175'. Two railroad tracks run the length of the quay.

b. Stevedores in gangs of 15-20 worked the usual three eight-hour shifts around the clock. Women were used as cleaners and samplers. Work of the stevedores was evaluated "very good."

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c. [redacted]

[redacted] coal was brought to the quay by truck and unloaded by women onto the quay.

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[redacted] "the women worked very hard and good."

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5. Merchant Vessels

[redacted] two Soviet merchant vessels of about 500 tons each. [redacted] new Soviet ships: "They are [redacted] about 2500 tons and are built in Leningrad."

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6. Naval Vessels [redacted] the only naval vessels observed in subject port were three to five small patrol craft which were seen entering and departing the Kosrevaya River.

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7. Harbor Craft Ferry boats [redacted]

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8. New Construction [redacted] many quonset-type buildings are being constructed which [redacted] would be used to house "soldiers." The three "new Russian" freighters were berthed nearby and were apparently offloading building material and general cargo, [redacted] About ten cranes are located in this area [redacted] "Lots of new construction" was noted throughout the city. [redacted] most of this new construction to be housing.

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9. Miscellaneous

a. "Many sailors" were seen in subject port. [redacted] they have a school there."

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b. [redacted] personal articles are very expensive. [redacted]
[redacted] There was no black market activity nor any
prostitutes. [redacted] many people were walking in the streets,
but they are not happy, they are poor, and 70% do not like the Communists.

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c. [redacted] "lots" of [redacted] trucks are in operation
in subject port.

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[redacted] Comment [redacted]

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a. Approach route via the Bakai River rather than the usual northern route
through the Kanal Ruach [redacted]

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b. [redacted]
"three new Russian vessels, ten cranes, and new quonset-type
structures" could possibly have been located in Kherson shipyard.

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